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## Festival of Lights: a festival of spirit



*Hundreds of candles illuminated Bryant's Rotunda and the campus' holiday spirit at the annual Festival of Lights on December 10.*



*Faculty members and administrators served students and helped Santa hand out candy canes at a special dinner preceding the Festival of Lights.*

Bryant's Rotunda shone with the brilliance of what seemed like a thousand lights on December 10, when the annual Festival of Lights illuminated the dome overhead and the spirits of all who

gathered below it.

Always one of the most popular events on campus each year, the Festival lived up to its advance billing. Hundreds of candles held by those filling the Rotunda reflected the festive but solemn mood that brought lumps to many throats. It was a sight to behold once again.

Clergy representing the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish denominations on campus led the ecumenical ceremony. President William O'Hara provided a holiday message, before leading the assemblage out of the Unistructure to the Christmas tree-lighting ceremony near Dormitory 6.

After the spruce tree was lit, hot cider and other refreshments were served.

Preceding the Festival of Lights was a special dinner in Salmanson Dining Hall. Faculty and staff members donned aprons to help serve the special meal, catered by ARA Dining Services. Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance, aided by a group of elves closely resembling other members of the faculty and administration. They handed out after-dinner candy canes.

Before the Festival, the Cranston East High School A cappella Choir entertained in the Rotunda. They sang a medley of holiday songs, including many old favorites.

Huge stockings bearing holiday greetings from various student organizations decorated the Rotunda.

## Party time

The annual Bryant faculty and staff Christmas Party is Saturday.

The party kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails (wine and beer) and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The cocktail party will whet your appetite for dinner at 7:30 p.m. in Salmanson Dining Hall.

Satisfying your appetite will be lobster bisque, tossed garden salad, twice-baked potatoes, broccoli polonaise, a choice of filet mignon or baked stuffed shrimp, Black Forest cake, and tea or coffee.

After dinner, you can dance to the sounds of "Mystique" until 1 a.m. A cash bar will serve wine, beer, and mixed drinks.

The complimentary party is hosted by President William O'Hara and his wife, Bobbi. The deadline for guest tickets, at \$10 each, was December 14. All guests must be accompanied by a Bryant employee.



## Schroeder elected to School Committee

Ed Schroeder '40 has won another battle for himself—and the handicapped.

The polio victim campaigned from his wheelchair and won election to the Cranston School Committee on November 6. On the way, he proved that a disability does not have to be a handicap when seeking elective office, although it does pose some unique logistical problems.

Schroeder, 65, who is now retired, found that it would be impossible to campaign door-to-door, in a typical political style. Despite his state-of-the-art wheelchair, a curb is still a curb and steps are still steps. They aren't made for straddling if you're seated in a wheelchair.

"Logistically, it was a little bit tricky," Schroeder said about his campaign. "But it worked out well."

It sure did. Schroeder garnered more votes than any other candidate for the committee. He did it with a campaign that he says should cause other elective office-seekers to "re-evaluate the tiring and strenuous business of going door-to-door."

In his case, as an at-large candidate, he had to make contact with more than 27,000 voters in Cranston. So he did it by using "surrogates and the media" to deliver his message, by making use of "literature drops" at every home in the city, by attending as many public events as were accessible to him in his wheelchair, and by using both political parties to help him deliver his brochures and letters to voters. Both parties volunteered to help him deliver his literature with their own, he said.

Schroeder said his name recognition also surely helped, as well as his cable-TV program, "Able Too."

Sponsored by the Governor's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped, which he chairs, the public-access channel show is by, for, and about the disabled. In Cranston, he said, it airs on Tuesday or Wednesday nights on Channel 8. His involvement in improving accessibility for the handicapped is well-known. It has led to having polling booths made accessible to the handicapped, and to having all public meetings held in places accessible to the disabled.

Despite serving on various legislative advisory committees dealing with handicapped rights over the years, Schroeder said, he was still "leery about running because of being handicapped."

But, he said, "a core group of about 30 parents talked him into it, because the school committee can use financial-management help."

Schroeder held a variety of financial-management posts until he retired in 1982. Among those were serving as assistant director of finance for the state Department of Corrections, assistant vice president for business affairs at the University of Rhode Island, and assistant chancellor for finance for the State Board of Trustees for State Colleges.



*Ed Schroeder*

Schroeder begins his two-year term in January. An initial goal is "to improve communication between the committee and the groups that support and use education—parents, students, and the like," he said.

One way he plans to do this is to provide more information on the budgetary process all school committees go through annually. It is a somewhat mystifying process to most persons, but a process he has lived with for most of his four decades in financial management.

Schroeder has been fighting all his life against discrimination and certain prejudices. He was crippled at age two, and had to overcome early and ridiculous predictions that he would never even learn to read.

The Providence native went on to graduate from Classical High School and Bryant, and to forge a highly successful career and family life. He and his wife, Rose, have four children.

Schroeder's record in achieving basic civil rights for the handicapped and in lobbying for or against certain bills through the governor's committee also is notable. It is likely, thus, that Schroeder will become a very successful school committeeman. At the very least, he is sure to win a few more battles for himself—and the handicapped.

## Apple representative speaks

Michael Dionne '74, regional sales manager for Apple Computer, Inc., spoke at the November dinner meeting of Bryant's Marketing Association. It was held at Kings Inn in Lincoln. Dionne's talk, "Professionalism in Personal Selling," discussed sales and sales management as a career. He manages Apple's New York and New England direct sales districts, which include all sales representatives in the Northeast.



## Bryant celebrates faculty authors

They wrote. They came. And they were honored for it.

That pretty much sums up the special reception held on December 12 for four Bryant faculty members who had books published in 1984. Hosted by Stan Kozikowski, dean of undergraduate faculty, the wine-and-cheese affair feted Virginia Floyd, professor of English, Judy Litoff, associate professor of history, Robert Muksian, professor of mathematics, and Chester Piascik, associate professor of mathematics.

The authors were the guests of honor at the after-hours celebration, held in Gulski Dining Room. They were joined by colleagues, trustees, and student senators, who gathered to recognize their latest literary endeavors.

George Petrello, provost and vice-president for academic affairs, cited the authors' accomplishments, and then presented each of them with a small token of esteem: a special set of Bryant bookends. That gift seems a fitting tribute to an author.

Floyd was feted for her third book, "The Plays of Eugene O'Neill." Considered an international authority on the playwright recognized as America's foremost dramatist, Floyd incorporated in her book research done by her at Yale University. It is her third book on O'Neill, and is considered the definitive work of evaluation of his work.

Litoff was recognized for her second book on mid-wifery, "The American Midwife Debate: A Sourcebook on Its Modern Origins." A spin-off of her initial work on the subject, the book compiles



*Virginia Floyd, Judy Litoff, Robert Muksian, and Chester Piascik were honored for their literary accomplishments on December 12.*

rare and difficult to locate primary-source documents detailing the early 20th century midwife debate, which is surfacing again in the 1980s.

Muksian was honored for his first publication, "Financial Mathematics Handbook," which pulls together a variety of mathematical formulas into a convenient, easy-to-use reference work. It is being marketed to nonmathematics-oriented professionals in the business world, who can use it on a day-to-day basis.

Piascik also was feted for his first book, "College Mathematics With Applications to Management, Economics, and the Social and Natural Sciences." Adopted so far by at least a dozen colleges across the country, the textbook is used at Bryant for three courses, including a graduate-level course. Piascik also is using the text as a source for another book currently in the works.

## SPB recruits faculty/staff ideas

We want you!

This is the plea of Bryant's Student Programming Board to the faculty and administration.

The student organization wants two members of the faculty and administration to regularly attend its meetings, eventually as full voting members. More importantly, the SPB hopes to establish a working faculty-administration committee to help it select future programming on campus. The two voting members come from this committee.

An informational meeting designed "to get the ball rolling" was held on December 5. Mike Rogers, president of SPB, and Annette Palermo and Saralyn Vasile, SPB members, hosted it. They explained the purpose of SPB, and outlined the role they see this committee playing.

In brief, according to Rogers, the committee would become one of SPB's standing committees (there are 12 currently). Its basic responsibility would be to suggest programs to be explored for presentation on campus, such as guest lecturers or entertainers, or possibly expanded film and

artists series. And then to assist the student organization in locating, signing up, and securing additional financing for their appearances.

He is certain, Rogers said, that faculty members and administrators know of speakers and performers who would come to the campus, potential "names" who the SPB is completely unaware of. He wants to overcome this void by getting "direct faculty input."

The SPB also is very interested in developing additional student/faculty-administration interchanges outside of the classroom or office, Rogers said.

"You teach and administrate to us," he said, but the opportunity to meet in more informal situations, like at a social function on campus, is lacking. He wants faculty members and administrators to suggest ways to get together with students in this way, and to promote these types of interactions on campus.

There are already a variety of SPB-sponsored

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## QUICKLY...

**Timothy Sullivan**, director of the Center for Management Development, has been elected to the board of directors of the national Association for Continuing Higher Education. The organization offers workshops and information networks for professionals working to provide adults with higher education opportunities...

...**Margie Edwards**, manager of the Providence office of the Rhode Island Small Business Development Center (RISBDC), was guest speaker at a meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of Painting and Decorating Contractors of America at Asquino's Restaurant in East Providence. Edwards discussed the possibility of designing special workshops tailored to the needs of Rhode Island decorators and painting contractors...

...**William Haas**, professor of humanities, has been very busy lately. Haas recently wrote an essay for the Trinity Square Theatre Humanities series for the production of Peter Nichol's play, "Passion Play." He presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Philosophical Society held at Bryant, titled "The Ethics of Business and the Business of Ethics." And he spoke at the November meeting of the Administrative Management Society on the topic, "Ethics: Whose Business Is It?"





## CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

First Day of Hanukkah

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Student Pay Day

Semester Ends

Dorms Close

5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Annual Faculty/Staff

Christmas Party

Cocktails in Rotunda

6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Special Holiday

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

1985 Winter Session

Classes Begin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

No Winter Session Classes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Dorms Re-open at Noon

## SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Women's Basketball

Salem State

7 p.m. Gym

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Women's Basketball

Stonehill

5:30 p.m. Gym

Men's Basketball

Stonehill

7:30 p.m. Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

Women's Basketball

Merrimack

5:30 p.m. Gym

Men's Basketball

Merrimack

7:30 p.m. Gym







Richard Dwyer



Deborah Fitzgerald-Connell

## Appointments

Richard Dwyer and Deborah Fitzgerald-Connell have been appointed director of data processing and CMD marketing coordinator, respectively, at Bryant.

Dwyer joined Bryant on November 16. He holds a bachelor's degree in education/social studies from Niagara University and a master's degree in education from Providence College. Dwyer formerly was assistant manager of computer support systems and operations at New England Telephone.

As director of data processing, his responsibilities include: processing of the College's workload by use of computer-based systems; developing and maintaining systems capability to accommodate present and future requirements, and maintaining the security of the College's data bases.

Fitzgerald-Connell assumed her position on December 10. She comes to Bryant from India Imports of Rhode Island, where she served as direct mail marketing coordinator.

Fitzgerald-Connell received her bachelor's in English from the University of Rhode Island and also has studied at the Rhode Island School of Design. She is responsible for the management of all marketing projects and promotion-related activities of the Center for Management Development, as well as developing new strategies to market the Center's professional continuing education programs.

## Thanks

Paulette Bokoski, supervisor in Central Stores, and her family extend their sincere appreciation to the Bryant community for the many expressions of sympathy received upon the death of Paulette's father.

## New benefit available

An improvement in the benefits package for Bryant employees has been announced by the Office of Human Resources.

Effective January 1, Bryant will offer an alternate tax-sheltered vehicle for investing pension and supplemental retirement money. That option is the Fidelity Group of Boston, which offers money market funds, income funds, and growth funds.

Both Fidelity and TIAA-CREF, the primary pension plan for most colleges, were on campus last month to review their programs.

Pension-eligible employees may have the College's contribution or their five-percent contribution invested in either TIAA-CREF or Fidelity.

All employees have the option to invest their supplementary-pension contribution in either TIAA-CREF or Fidelity.

All new agreements must be signed in December. Questions should be directed to Jan Lewis or Shirley Plante in the human resources office.

## New staff appointments

NAME	DEPARTMENT	TITLE
Lynn Sherman	Graduate School	Data Input Clerk
Deborah Fitzgerald-Connell	Center for Management Development	Marketing Coordinator
Mary Ann Tooher	Physical Plant	Secretary/Accountant
Richard Dwyer	Data Processing	Director
John Collins, III	Security	Patrolman

## SPB

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programs that are open to all Bryant community members, the students said. But the virtual absence of staff at these functions is because they are viewed as "student events." This attitude is a separate problem the committee could work to alleviate.

Eight faculty members and administrators attended the informational meeting, with Sharman Paulhus, assistant coordinator of student development, and Richard Spivack, instructor of economics, agreeing to represent the faculty and administration at future SPB meetings - at least on an interim basis. But the SPB is seeking more participation.

They want you!